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Gov. Thomas Kean's recent proposals for educational reforms will be a prime issue of debate this week as thousands of school officials meet in the resort for a three-day conference.

More than 6,000 people are expected to attend the convention, sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the N.J. Association of School Administrators and the N.J. Association of School Business Officials, said Frank Belluscio, assistant director of communications for the NJSBA.

Kean will kick off "Workshop 83" on Wednesday with a speech on educational issues. The governor has proposed measures to strengthen discipline in schools, change teacher training methods, hike teachers' minimum pay and award salary bonuses.

The proposals will be considered by the state Board of Education during a meeting in Atlantic City this week, Belluscio said.

"(Kean's proposals) will obviously be the main topic on everyone's mind," he said. "The proposals have generated a great deal of controversy already and this will be a good place for school officials to discuss them more fully."

Following Kean Wednesday will be Albert Shenker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, who will discuss teacher training and retention, and Dr. John Goodlad, professor at the UCLA graduate school of education, whose report "A Place Called School: Prospects for the Future," received nationwide publicity when it was released last month.

In addition, conference delegates are scheduled to hear a speech on the economy from noted economist John Kenneth Galbraith and an address on American foreign policy from former CIA Director Stansfield Turner.

Belluscio said most of the three-day meeting will be devoted to more than 150 training and discussion sessions, focusing on ways to develop budgets, new types of curriculum, programs, and new classroom techniques, including computer education.